Day Sunday (John the Baptist)		We pray especially forour worship this morning at Seething and at Morningthorpe (a patronal Morning Worship) and our monthly evening worship on
Monday	24th	$\ldots$ our emergency services and the dedication of those who work in them.
Tuesday	25th	our local businesses, that they may thrive.
Wednesday	26th	those who need the services of local foodbanks and those who make donations to them.
Thursday	27th	our families, friends and all who are dear to us.
Friday	28th	all who need us to pray with or for them, for whatever reason.
Saturday	29th	our local schools and all associated with them;a fun time at Hempnall School Summer Fete.
Sunday (St Peter's Tide)	30th	our worship and picnic together in Hempnall this morning in support of Emmaus, which helps those who have experienced homelessness; the Emmaus community at Ditchingham;our Evensong service at St Peter' Church, Brooke to mark its

# Throughout, we pray for those who especially need your help at this time, remembering:

Patronal Festival.

Martin, Ian, Emma, Helen, Michael, Ann

Bedingham/Woodton: Sheila, Hilary, Peter, Liz, Anne, Barrie, Bruce, Pat, Harry, Sally,

Kath, Richard, Susan, June

Hempnall: Lesley and family, Phillip, Sophia, Claire, David

Topcroft: Gerald, David

Long Term Care...

Bedingham/Woodton: Dennis, Shirley, Jacob

Brooke: Yvonne

Fritton/Morningthorpe: Beryl Mundham/Seething: Margaret, Nancy

#### Recently Deceased...

Carolyn Buckland, Julie Parker

(Compiled by and for the Brooke Benefice and the Hempnall Group of Parishes)



## The Brooke Benefice and The Hempnall Group Thoughts and Prayers June 2024

#### Summer awaits...

'At some time or another we all ask, 'Where has the time gone?'

It is summertime again, a time when we tend to take things easier, enjoying walks or trips to the sea. Maybe we have a holiday planned, or perhaps we are staying at home, enjoying the beauty that is all around us. We can just sit in our chairs, look out of the window, watch the birds feeding and bathing, see the changing shapes of the clouds as they pass by...

How privileged we are to live in this beautiful county. It can be easy to take things for granted that are on our doorstep but we should appreciate them and give thanks: we are not far from the sea or lovely walks in the woods and can enjoy the beauty of the trees, experiencing the stillness.

God has given us summertime to take time out, enjoy the company of family and friends. A little girl said she loved Grandmas: they have nothing to do all day, they go for nice long walks and spend their time looking for snails.

However we spend our time this summer, let's take time to smell the roses, splash in the puddles with the little ones, maybe look for the snails...

Father, Creator of all, thank you for summer! Thank you for the warmth of the sun and the increased daylight.

Thank you for the beauty we see all around us and for the opportunity to be outside and enjoy your creation.

Thank you for the increased time we have to be with friends and family,

and for the more casual pace of the summer season. Draw us closer to you this summer.

May we know God's peace and blessing. Amen.



~Trixie Dye~

Prayer adapted from material on <a href="https://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/online-resources/prayer-index/summer-prayers">https://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/online-resources/prayer-index/summer-prayers</a> [accessed 20.5.24]. Photograph of Caister Beach from "Visit Norfolk': <a href="https://www.visitnorfolk.co.uk/attraction">https://www.visitnorfolk.co.uk/attraction</a> activity/caister-beach>

Sunday Readings						
2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2024 Trinity 1	Psalm 81:1-10 Deuteronomy 5:12-15 Mark 2:23 – 3:6	23 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024 Trinity 4 St John the	Psalm 107: 1-3; 23-32 Job 38:1-11 Mark 4:35-41 Isaiah 40:1-11 Luke 1:57-66,80			
9 <sup>th</sup> June 2024 Trinity 2	Psalm 130 Genesis 3:8-15 Mark 3:20-35	Baptist (24 June) 30th June 2024				
16 <sup>th</sup> June 2024 Trinity 3	Psalm 92:1-4;12-end Ezekiel 14: 22-24 Mark 4:26-34	Trinity 5*  St Peter's  Tide (29th June)	Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24 Mark 5: 21-43 Acts 12:1-11 Matthew 16:13-19			

<sup>\*</sup>readings may vary in our morning service and may include other material

### **Prayers - This month**

<i>Day</i> Saturday	<b>Date</b> 1st	We pray especially forour local communities and all who live and work in them
Sunday	2nd	our worship together in services this morning at Brooke and at Shelton (where today we celebrate with our animals) and our Family Praise in Hempnall this afternoon;all our companion animals, recognising with thanks the part they play in our lives.
Monday	3rd	all those this month who will be preparing for weddings.
Tuesday	4th	the amazing variety of wildlife in our gardens.
Wednesday	5th	politicians and all involved in public administration in this country, at all levels, that they may exercise sound judgement.
Thursday	6th	the 80th anniversary of D-Day, commemorating the Normandy Landings of 1944 that ultimately shaped the course and outcome of the Second World War.
Friday	7th	our Home Communion Assistants and all whom they visit;all in our communities who are especially vulnerable;all who provide pastoral support in our parishes, in many different
Saturday	8th	waysall running and attending community and social events in our villages.

<i>Day</i> Sunday	<i>Date</i> 9th	We pray especially forour services this morning at Kirstead and at Woodton;all gathering today in Christian worship, world-wide.
Monday	10th	our East Anglian coastline, rivers and Broads, that we may take care of them.
Tuesday	11th	those we know who are experiencing physical or mental ill health and those who provide care and support.
Wednesday	12th	all involved in church governance across our Deanery and in our benefices, serving on church Councils and acting as representatives in decision making and forward planning.
Thursday	13th	our church premises and all involved in looking after them;our Churchwardens and Designated Persons;our Fabric Officers and Building Administrators;our cleaners and those who tend our churchyards.
Friday	14th	all those participating in Euro 24 (the European Football Championship), starting in Munich today, and all spectating across the world.
Saturday	15th	all who engage in sport locally and everyone who supports and encourages them.
Sunday	16th	our worship this morning at Brooke and Topcroft.
Monday	17th	all involved in the administration of our church activities, including Frances as our administrator and our PCC Secretaries and Treasurers.
Tuesday	18th	our Ministry Team (John, Liam, Tim and Jackie) and our visiting clergy; our intercessors and readers; our organists, singers and musicians; our bell ringers, flower arrangers, 'meeters and greeters' and refreshment servers.
Wednesday	19th	all offering support to older people.
Thursday	20th	the wonders of 'light' during the Northern Hemisphere's longest day of 2024.
Friday	21st	those across the world who are marginalised or oppressed.
Saturday	22nd	those who make music; the skill and artistry of composers and musicians;the success of two concerts in our churches this evening, at Brooke (Brian Orland & Linda Purdy – 'Music for Mbedza) and at Hempnall (The Anglian Singers – 'Music on a Summer's Evening).